

Dear Parents,

During the past few weeks the First Graders have been investigating HOUSES and HOMES and have looked at:

* Homes of humans and animals
* Why we build houses and why we need shelter
* How the environment influences the structure of homes
* Materials that are used to build homes

This week, the children will create a project at home and make a presentation to the class about it. The presentation should be about 2-5 minutes in length.

Please encourage your child to practice their presentation at home.

It is a goal that through this practice, the students gain confidence in orally presenting their work in front of their peers.

Please choose just **one** of the three options listed below and the examples are only to give your child ideas.

This homework is for all of the week 3rd.-7th October

and is due in by Monday the 10th October.

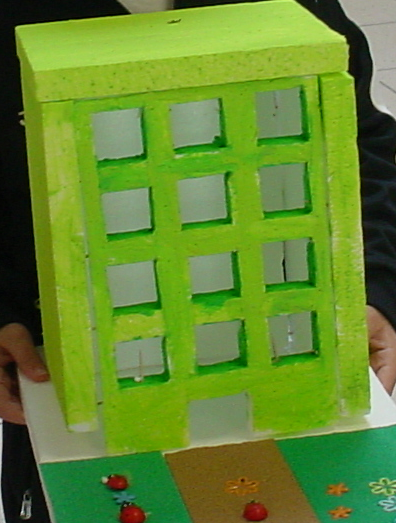
The children will present to their class over the following two weeks.

The 3 homework options are:

1. **Build a home.**

We would like your child to choose a photo of a real house from their country, either one they know or a downloaded typical house of the region. This can then be used as the basis of a design or a model that they make of a house (2D or 3D) and answer the questions on the sheet attached to pathfinder (option 1)

* **Who would build the home?**
* **What stages would the building go through? (What happened first, second etc.?)**
* **What is the home made of?**
* **Why are these good materials?**
* **Why did you choose this type of home?**
* **What would happen to this home if there was a flood, fire storm or earthquake?**

1. **You can make a photo collection of important materials and features of your own house.**

(Please look at Mrs. Dwyer’s example of her house on the Wiki Pathfinder, see the link below).

* What materials are used?
* Why are they used?
* How many different materials can you find in your house?
* Are they manmade or natural?

1. **Collect pictures from magazines or the internet of a variety of animal and human homes.**

* Discuss who lives in this home.
* Where in the world would you find this home?
* What materials are the homes made of?
* Why have those materials been chosen?

Write as much information as you can about each home. The book needs to be between 4 and 10 pages long see example below.